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With the Fourth of July Holiday approaching, it is important that the residents of Los Angeles County are reminded about the dangers of using fireworks. It is imperative that residents use good judgment and caution with fireworks, as the fire hazard this year is very high due to the extremely dry conditions. Every year, people are injured, property is destroyed, and scarce fire suppression dollars are spent during the weeks before and after the Fourth of July due to the use of illegal fireworks, the misuse of legal fireworks, and the firing of weapons into the air. This holiday was set aside to pay tribute to our Founding Fathers for their gift of freedom and to honor the thousands of brave men and women who have defended our freedom throughout history. Each year, the Los Angeles County Fire Department increases patrols and staffing levels as a precautionary measure. In addition to the staffing increases by the Fire Department, it is important that all law enforcement agencies strictly enforce the use of illegal fireworks.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,

- 1.) Remind residents of the unincorporated areas that fireworks of any type are illegal;
- 2.) In cities where fire works are legal, remind residents to use extreme caution when using fireworks;
- 3.) Remind residents that shooting weapons into the air is a felony;
- 4.) Encourage residents to attend professional fireworks displays; and
- 5.) Request the Sheriff's Department to strictly enforce the illegal use of fireworks.

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